



## Biography - Short

Kelli Stanley is an award-winning author of crime fiction (novels and short stories). She makes her home in Dashiell Hammett's San Francisco, a city she loves to write about. Kelli earned a Master's Degree in Classics, loves jazz, old movies, battered fedoras, Art Deco and speakeasies. She is walked daily by a Springer Spaniel named Bertie. She credits Raymond Chandler, Ernest Hemingway, Cornell Woolrich, Dashiell Hammett and Thomas Hardy as some of her major influences.

Kelli's second novel, the San Francisco-set CITY OF DRAGONS, will be released by Minotaur on February 2, 2010.

CITY OF DRAGONS explodes the tensions of 1940 San Francisco like fireworks at the Chinese New Year Parade. First of a hard-hitting new thriller series, it introduces the unforgettable protagonist Miranda Corbie—ex-escort and now private investigator.

The novel opens in a February of 70 years ago, in a Golden Gate city as familiar as a postcard. A young Japanese numbers runner is murdered in Chinatown during New Year and a fundraising festival for China war relief. The cops and the brass want Eddie Takahashi forgotten, swept away. A casualty of the Sino-Japanese War. A legacy of Nanking.

But Miranda saw him die ... and she'll do whatever it takes to discover the truth.

"Children's Day", a short story prequel to CITY OF DRAGONS and set during the 1939 World's Fair in San Francisco, will be published in the highly-anticipated anthology International Thriller Writer's anthology, FIRST THRILLS, in June, 2010.

Kelli's debut novel, NOX DORMIENDA (A Long Night for Sleeping) (Five Star; July, 2008), was a Writer's Digest Notable Debut, won the Bruce Alexander Memorial Historical Mystery Award and is a Macavity Award finalist.

NOX DORMIENDA marks the first of a new series and broke new genre ground as the first "Roman noir", a pun on its unique combination of Chandler-esque hardboiled style and rich historical texture. The City and County of San Francisco awarded Kelli a Certificate of Honor for her creation of the new subgenre.

Kelli is currently working on the sequel to CITY OF DRAGONS. She is a member of Mystery Writers of America, International Thriller Writers, Private Eye Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, and the International Association of Crime Writers.

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